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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PARK DEPARTMENT

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953.

Boston, December 31, 1953.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,
Mayor of Boston.

DEAR SIR:

In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Park Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. KELLEY,
*Chairman, Board of
Park Commissioners.*

THEODORE C. HAFFENREFFER,
JOSEPH LEE,
Commissioners.

Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1953.

PARKS, GARDENS — SQUARES.

Aquarium	\$49,100 86
Aquarium, grounds	2,312 50
Arborway	6,762 43
Arnold Arboretum	3,081 70
Back Bay District	17,873 40
Back Bay, yard	31,659 54
Baker Street	223 88
Belmont Square	29 00
Blackstone Square	3,344 00
Boston Common, Bandstand	2,556 27
Boston Common, Convenience Stations	4,672 00
Boston Common, Deer Park, Tool House	732 84
Boston Common Festival	2,191 64
Boston Common, Frog Pond	784 26
Boston Common, grounds	57,017 09
Boston Common, Information Booth	2 09
Boston Common, Log Cabin	437 80
Boston Common, Playland	604 39
Braddock Park	1,100 60
Brigham Circle	184 39
Brighton District	22,239 06
Castle Island	5,096 78
Central Square	2,546 50
Charlestown District	13,486 57
Chester Park	1,161 70
Christmas trees and decorations	3,868 85
City Square	1,974 75
Columbus Park	22,558 03
Columbus Park Stadium	9,165 01
Commonwealth Avenue, main	20,015 00
Concord Square	2,147 11
Daisy Field	98 00
Dorchester Heights	3,918 50
Dorchester Park	7,057 47
Douglas Court Play Area	316 58
East Boston District	4,480 03
East Boston Stadium	19,894 97
Fens	24,333 33
Fens Rose Garden	16,491 16
Fens Stadium	13,005 11
Fens Vet Memorial	250 15
Franklin Park, Administration Buildings, shops, etc.	8,809 87
Franklin Park, blacksmith shop	2,296 00
Franklin Park, carpenter shop	24,349 13
Franklin Park, garage	40,193 39
Franklin Park, golf course	21,590 84

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Franklin Park, greenhouse	\$70,316	75
Franklin Park, grounds	43,188	08
Franklin Park, harness shop	3,361	78
Franklin Park, lawn mower shop	9,409	92
Franklin Park, paint shop	26,271	19
Franklin Park, plumber shop	8,739	36
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	4,612	63
Franklin Park, repair shops	74,753	82
Franklin Park, Rose Garden	13,243	44
Franklin Park, School Master Hill	388	40
Franklin Park, storehouse	39,611	26
Franklin Park, yard	41,472	82
Franklin Square	2,941	00
George Wright Golf Course	76,491	97
Hayes Square	174	70
Herbert J. Wolf Square	1,048	50
Horatio Harris Park	1,354	50
Independence Park	525	00
Irving W. Adams Park	2,601	50
Jamaica Pond Boat Landing	1,557	25
Jamaicaway	13,027	53
John Harvard Mall	467	50
Kelley's Circle	1,463	07
Kenmore Square	749	60
Madison Park	2,625	00
Mary Cummings Estate	216	26
Massachusetts Avenue	618	30
McArthur Mall	4,512	15
McLean Park	317	75
Michael J. Brophy Park	161	00
Murray Park	384	93
Myrtle Street	199	20
Myrtle Street Boat Landing	2,695	58
North End District	3,556	90
Oak Square	1,569	55
Orchard Park	2,567	40
Park Drive, Administration Building	8,955	82
Parks, General	28,432	12
Plympton Street Pool	656	50
Preble Street Traffic Circle	204	90
Public Garden	46,423	34
Putnam Square	749	60
Recreation Division	266,486	78
Riverway	4,746	30
Ross Estate	1,394	93
Rutland Square	1,372	97
Savin Hill Park	569	40
Sorrento Street Play Area	567	25
South Boston District	9,085	35
Strandway	72	93
Thomas Park	1,339	26

Union Park	\$770 60
Walnut Park	1,709 50
Waltham Square	55 25
Washington Park	2,709 00
Webster Square	7 50
West End District	7,369 90
Winthrop Square	734 00
Worcester Square	1,347 80
World War Memorial Park	25 00
Zoological Garden, animal range	12,333 21
Zoological Garden, antelope house	13,471 50
Zoological Garden, bear dens	11,035 28
Zoological Garden, bird house	48,811 81
Zoological Garden, camel house	8 25
Zoological Garden, elephant house	16,291 61
Zoological Garden, elk range	20,338 59
Zoological Garden, general	71,713 46
Zoological Garden, lion house	13,706 84
Total	<u>\$1,526,706 71</u>

PLAYGROUNDS.

Almont Street Playground	\$12,452 83
American Legion Playground	5,117 32
Billings Field Playground	10,356 34
Brookside Avenue Playground	3,283 50
Cassidy Playground	9,951 45
Ceylon Street Playground	3,818 09
Cherry Street Playground	1,849 10
Christopher J. Gibson Playground	9,332 13
Christopher J. Lee Playground	8,007 09
Fallon Field Playground	9,655 48
Francis Parkman Playground	3,539 50
Franklin Field Playground	28,305 40
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	5,708 84
General Playground	28,974 29
George H. Walker Playground	6,332 11
Green and Lamartine Streets Playground	1,434 55
James L. Cronin Playground	3,637 85
James F. Healy Playground	7,157 75
James and Margaret Tobin Playground	2,007 33
Jefferson Playground	6,774 57
John J. Connolly Playground	6,999 60
John J. Doherty Playground	8,655 85
John F. Holland Playground	4,410 95
John W. Murphy Playground	7,686 20
John H. L. Noyes Playground	7,451 39
John J. Ryan Playground	1,016 50
John Winthrop Playground	2,614 87
Joseph Lee Playground	2,383 35
Kiley Street Playground	2,366 09

King Street Playground	\$2,792 50
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	3,839 24
Lester J. Rotch Playground	9,051 98
London Street Playground	1,834 25
Mary Draper Playground	8,703 71
Mary Hannon Playground	2,399 75
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	12,201 41
McConnell Park Playground	6,951 78
McKinney Playground	9,572 05
McLaughlin Playground	1,338 17
Mission Hill Playground	8,438 99
North End Prado Playground	1,332 80
Paris Street Playground	3,188 20
Parker Hill Playground	4,525 66
Phillips Street Playground	968 00
Pitts and Hale Streets Playground	1,580 00
Portsmouth Street Playground	6,785 41
Prince Street Playground	986 00
Readville Playground	3,214 98
Rev. Father Buckley Playground	1,487 88
Rogers Park Playground	9,596 49
Ronan Park Playground	10,680 38
Smith's Pond Playground	9,895 78
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	7,439 77
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	8,064 58
Troy Street Playground	2,089 58
Tyler Street Playground	1,309 50
Vincent Cutillo Playground	471 25
Wallingford Road Playground	2,061 64
Wesley G. Ross Playground	7,395 71
William Amerena Playground	5,406 71
William J. Barry Playground	7,404 46
William E. Carter Playground	6,987 33
William Eustis Playground	10,764 65
William E. Garvey Playground	7,884 67
William F. Smith Playground	9,309 91
William Gary Walsh Playground	7,991 04
Total	<u>\$417,226 53</u>

GYMNASIA.

Brighton Gymnasium	\$6,802 34
Cabot Street Gymnasium	52,809 44
Columbia Road Gymnasium	13,190 65
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	34,570 91
Hyde Park Gymnasium	11,847 69
John J. Williams Gymnasium	21,867 15
Lexington Street Gymnasium	11,708 94
Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Building	125 10
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	44,913 96

Paris Street Gymnasium	\$75,115 86
Roslindale Gymnasium	10,754 29
Tyler Street Gymnasium	13,959 10
Vine Street Gymnasium	24,756 17
Total	<u>\$322,421 60</u>

BATHS AND BEACHES.

Baths, General	\$5,705 59
Broadway Municipal Building	31,372 65
Charlestown Pool	41,620 51
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry	176,475 12
L Street Bath House and Beach	125,405 59
L Street Solariums	2,574 50
North End Park Beach, Bath, and Pool	43,665 12
Repair Room, Sewing Room, and Stock Room	43,338 21
Total	<u>\$470,157 29</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Central Office — Administration	\$156,181 54
Fuel	14,654 10
Street Trees	90,362 30
Automobiles, Tractors, Wagons, etc.	82,321 81
Total	<u>\$343,519 75</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Parks and Gardens	\$1,526,706 71
Playgrounds	417,226 53
Gymnasias	322,421 60
Baths and Beaches	470,157 29
General Expenses	343,519 75
Total	<u>\$3,080,031 88</u>

CASH RECEIPTS.

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1953.

PARK DIVISION.

Franklin Park Golf Course	\$22,503 00
George Wright Golf Course	34,745 50
Permits for openings, signs, etc.	70 12
Refunds, labor and equipment	1,285 00
Telephone commissions	429 34
Settlement of claims for damages	878 31
Miscellaneous	78 00
Towels, soap, etc., in playground houses	2,337 46
Rentals from property and concessions	10,866 00
Boston Common Tree Fund, income	125 76

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Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	\$6,294 75	
Randidge Trust Fund, income	1,768 71	
Babcock Music Fund, income	85 54	
Foss Flag Fund, income	85 00	
Foss 17th of June Fund, income	85 00	
	<hr/>	\$81,637 49

BATH DIVISION.

Towels, soap, etc., income	\$28,793 83	
Refunds	120 00	28,913 83
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		\$110,551 32

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General revenue	\$102,106 56	
Trust funds, income	8,444 76	
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		\$110,551 32

Expenditures of Loans, Revenue, Special Appropriations and Trust Funds, January 1, 1953, to December 31, 1953.

RECREATION.

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,		
Maintenance and Improvement of	\$175,898 51	
Construction of Buildings and Original Equipment and		
Furnishings Thereof, non-revenue	46,901 63	
Gallivan Boulevard, Washington Street, Dorchester, and		
Gary Walsh Playground, Restoration of	—	
Establishment of Parks and Playgrounds	70,302 49	
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	4,456 50	
Park and Playground Improvements, etc., revenue	79,649 91	
Randidge Trust Fund, income	3,251 10	
Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways	96,082 29	
Playground, Fairmount Section, Hyde Park	1,145 00	
Playground, West Roxbury District	—	
Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo	16,715 16	
Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal of	48,538 57	
William J. Barry Playground, Restoration of	—	
Park Department, South End District	—	
Total	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$542,941 16

FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE.

1953.

Opening Date, April 9. Closing Date, December 22.

Registered Attendance, 44,565.	
Annual Permits, 3 at \$30	\$90 00
Annual Permits, 661 at \$15	9,915 00
Daily Permits, 231 at \$1.50	346 50
Daily Permits, 11,128 at \$1	11,128 00
Twilight Permits, 2,047 at \$0.50	1,023 50
Total	<hr/>
	\$22,503 00

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE.

1953.

Opening Date, April 11. Closing Date, December 11.

Registered Attendance, 51,216.

Annual Permits, 63 at \$40	\$2,520 00
Annual Permits, 432 at \$30	12,960 00
Daily Permits, 4,616 at \$2	9,232 00
Daily Permits, 8,736 at \$1	8,736 00
Daily Permits, 39 at \$0.50	19 50
Lockers, 426 at \$3	1,278 00
Total	<u>\$34,745 50</u>

ATTENDANCE RECORDS — 1953.

*Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches and
Swimming Pools, Gymnasiums.*

Playgrounds, Summer Attendance	6,900,000
Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating)	351,100
Shower Baths	2,152,093
Beaches and Swimming Pools	1,027,443
Gymnasium, Class and Individual Attendance	217,376
Total	<u>10,648,012</u>

**PARK DEPARTMENT STATISTICS TO
DECEMBER 31, 1953.**

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Parks.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
MAIN PARK SYSTEM:									
Commonwealth avenue.....	1894-1905..	.....	\$683,182 36	\$683,182 36	112.70 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens.....	1877-1879..	\$736,854 49	3,270,672 06	4,007,526 55	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
Avenue Louis Pasteur.....	1922.....	.....	.....	.....	3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile		
† Riverway.....	1883-1890..	457,457 53	923,914 58	1,381,372 11	40.00 "	1.4 miles	2.8 miles	1.2 "	8 "
† Olmsted Park.....	1890-1892..	1,081,947 60	832,228 19	1,914,175 79	180.00 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arboretum-Jamaicaway.....	1892.....	245,584 25	485,992 06	731,576 31	36.00 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum.....	1882-1895..	79,354 15	462,916 30	542,270 45	223.00 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	0.5 mile	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway.....	1894.....	135,265 29	176,638 10	311,903 39	65.94 "	1 mile	2 "	0.94 "	
Joyce Kilmer Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.53 "				
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden.....	{ 1883-1884 } { 1906-1912 }	1,551,896 63	4,258,395 04	5,810,291 67	522.00 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
MARINE PARK SYSTEM:									
"Columbia Road.....	1899.....	447,528 63	557,757 18	1,005,285 81					
Dorchester Way.....	1892-1895..	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "		
"Strandway and Columbus Park.....	{ 1890-1892 } { 1897-1901 }	772,515 12	2,835,112 24	3,607,627 36	254.30 "				
"Marine Park and Aquarium,	1883.....	232,972 57	1,729,642 10	1,962,614 67	{ 52.71 " land	0.6 mile	1.39 "	.....	3.4 "
§ Castle Island.....	1890.....	.....	172,651 79	172,651 79	{ 4.90 " land	0.16 "	1.15 "		
*McCONNELL PARK.....	1899-1914..	50,759 33	256,586 41	307,345 74	{ 25.70 " flats	0.20 "	0.29 mile		
					{ 78.30 " flats				
					{ 50.55 " flats				

SAVIN HILL PARK.....	1909.....	31,925 55	18,712 21	50,637 76	8.26 "		
* IRVING W. ADAMS PARK..	1919.....	50,000 00	21,411 93	71,411 93	0.78 acre		
WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.....	1882-1891..	132,800 00	462,988 47	595,788 47	211.00 acres	0.3 "	2.1 miles
CHARLESBANK.....	1883.....	373,916 99	379,645 74	753,562 73	25.41 "	.....	1.5 "
TRINITY TRIANGLE.....	1885.....	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	0.18 acre	.....
ENS. JOHN J. DOHERTY, JR., PLAYGROUND.....	1891.....	50,538 02	186,373 19	236,911 21	10.35 acres	.....	0.4 mile
JOHN J. RYAN, JR., PLAY- GROUND.....	1891.....	172,923 31	54,931 93	227,855 24	{ 13.66 " land 3.70 " flats }	.....	0.6 "
DORCHESTER PARK.....	1891-1903..	64,165 37	34,526 30	98,691 67	31.47 "	.....
FRANKLIN FIELD.....	1892-1910..	157,341 22	227,413 72	384,754 94	77.00 "	0.65 "	1.09 miles
NORTH END BEACH.....	1893.....	328,364 44	464,182 82	792,547 26	{ 3.70 " land 3.00 " flats }	.....
* VINCENT CUTILLO PARK, NORTH END.....	1917.....	160,350 00	46,720 62	207,070 62	0.48 acre	.....
WILLIAM B. CORRETT PARK, DORCHESTER CENTER...	1917.....	22,904 86	1,691 37	24,596 23	0.94 "	.....
COPP'S HILL TERRACE.....	1893.....	90,858 19	55,641 05	146,499 24	0.6 "	.....	0.11 mile
CHESTNUT HILL PARK OR CASSIDY PLAYGROUND.....	1898-1899 and 1902..	210,239 06	44,809 46	255,138 52	54.19 acres	1.44 miles	0.10 "
CHERRY STREET PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END....	1922.....	108,004 78	17,647 27	125,652 05	0.55 acre	.....
ALMONT STREET PLAY- GROUND, MATAPAN.....	1924.....	11,095 24	49,572 34	60,667 58	17.81 acres	.....	0.04 "
20PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL,	1913-1915..	291,138 24	73,277 02	364,415 26	4.24 "	.....	0.21 "
* JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1917.....	13,700 00	29,669 36	43,369 36	1.07 "	.....
RONAN PARK PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1912-1916..	101,957 78	124,117 43	226,075 21	11.65 "	.....	0.83 "

See footnotes on page 20.

* WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	{ 1899-1900 } { 1901-1902 }	327,503 84	79,506 28	407,010 12	5.02 "		
* JAMES L. CHONIN PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1899.....	43,990 09	9,702 10	53,692 19	2.24 "		
* FALLOON FIELD PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE.....	{ 1899-1913 } { 1917-1931 }	91,325 11	85,455 31	176,780 42	7.57 "	0.36 "	
* JAMES F. HEALY PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE.....	1902.....	25,166 75	43,185 19	68,351 94	9.63 "	0.14 "	
* LESTER J. ROTCH PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END.....	1903.....	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	2.8 "		
* JOHN J. CONNOLLY PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1903-1905.....		100,958 90	100,958 90	5.1 "		
* ROGERS PARK, BRIGHTON..	1899-1931..	45,998 30	78,920 12	124,918 42	8.20 "	0.44 "	
CARROLL POND, WEST ROX- BURY.....	1921.....		8,376 75	8,376 75	0.47 acre		
JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON....	1909.....	10,015 00	159,902 61	169,917 61	{ 5.24 acres land } { 3.07 " flats }		
WEST THIRD STREET PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH BOSTON..	1909.....	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre		
* MATTHEW J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1909.....	10,201 30	4,597 40	14,798 70	0.47 "		
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAY- GROUND.....	1909-1924..	116,220 06	97,467 53	213,687 59	7.60 acres		
JOHN WINTHROP PLAY- GROUND.....	1911.....	20,994 26	39,153 50	60,147 76	1.57 "		
* GEORGE H. WALKER PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1912-1914..	22,011 33	47,496 72	69,508 05	6.21 "	0.10 "	
* STANLEY A. RINGER PARK, ALLSTON.....	1916-1931..	57,090 00	73,123 69	130,213 69	12.38 "	0.35 "	
* ARTHUR F. MCLEAN PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON...	1917.....	20,754 17	18,688 84	39,443 01	0.43 acre		

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JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND, HEATH, FLOOD AND CRAN- FORD STREETS, ROXBURY,	1924.....	67,329 80	42,670 20	110,000 00	7.51 "		
FRANCIS PARKMAN PLAY- GROUND, WACHUSSETT STREET, FOREST HILLS...	1924.....	12,000 00	16,706 32	28,706 32	2.06 "		
REV. FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, BOLTON AND WEST THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON,	1925.....	51,432 00	19,340 98	70,772 98	0.65 acre		
PAUL REVERE MALL, NORTH END.....	1925.....	107,600 00	23,372 38	130,972 38	0.76 "		
STATLER PARK, COLUMBUS AVENUE, STUART AND TENNISON STREETS.....	1925.....	352,200 90	15,918 88	368,119 78	0.25 "		
BROOKSIDE AVENUE PLAY- GROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN..	1925.....	11,600 00	19,080 77	30,680 77	1.32 acres		
*16 WILLIAM AMERENA PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON...	1925.....	37,949 50	40,006 17	77,955 67	4.06 "		
19 AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON....	{1928-1931 and 1932 }	107,060 45	1,902,869 05	2,009,929 50	370 "	0.65 mile	0.75 "
GERTRUDE HOWES PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1930.....	26,397 40	10,227 28	36,624 68	1.88 "		
* MCKINNEY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	1930.....	59,950 00	15,631 20	75,581 20	5.94 "		
* 11 THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DOR- CHESTER.....	1930-1931..	21,360 08	75,881 73	97,241 81	10.40 "	.....	0.30 "
12 MARTIN M. LOMASNEY PARK, WEST END.....	1930.....	25,000 00	52,810 67	77,810 67	2.57 "		
PLAYGROUND, FOSTER AND COURT STREETS, NORTH END.....	1930.....	3,924 00	4,354 25	8,278 25	0.10 acre		
GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK, WEST ROXBURY.....	1930-1931..	146,818 08	357,040 99	503,859 07	158.48 acres		

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Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1953.— Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.		Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.					
MARY DRAPER PLAYGROUND, WEST ROXBURY.....	1932.....	\$23,853 80	\$22,947 45	5.76 acres	0.02 mile	0.18 mile		
JOSEPH D. McLAUGHLIN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY..	1931.....	.....	24,158 72	11.54 "				
*WESLEY ROSS PLAYGROUND, NEAR WESTMINSTER STREET, HYDE PARK.....	1936.....	10,000 00	44,816 42	13.03 "				
SNOW HILL STREET PLAYGROUND, NORTH END.....	1937.....	.....	4,189 71	1.13 "				
ALICE E. GALLAGHER MEMORIAL PARK, CHANDLER'S POND, BRIGHTON,	1937-1943..	.....	742 50	13.59 "	.....	.....	.....	13 acres
EVERETT AND ELM STREETS, DORCHESTER.....	1939.....	.....	.....	1.16 "				
LEO F. MCCARTHY PLAYGROUND, MEAD AND LUDLOW STREETS, CHARLESTOWN.....	1938.....	.....	3,751 24	0.28 acre				
WASHINGTON AND STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY,	1938.....	.....	.....	0.30 "				
CHARTER STREET AND GREENOUGH LANE, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, NORTH END.....	1940.....	.....	.....	0.23 "				
TOBIN PLAYGROUND, ALBION STREET, SOUTH END.....	1941.....	.....	.....	0.57 "				

MALDEN STREET, SOUTH END, BOSTON.....	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	0.21 "
VERNON STREET, ROXBURY..	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	0.40 "
THORNTON STREET, ROXBURY.....	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	0.06 "
PITTS AND HALE STREETS, WEST END.....	1942.....	.....	.....	.....	0.11 "
TROY AND ROCHESTER STREETS, SOUTH END....	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	0.17 "
LONDON AND DECATUR STREETS, EAST BOSTON..	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	0.13 "
HOWARD AVENUE, DORCHES- TER, MARY A. HANNON PLAY AREA.....	1940-1945..	8,890 45	8,890 45	8,890 45	1.69 acres
HILL AND COOK STREETS, CHARLESTOWN.....	1942.....	3,117 78	3,117 78	3,117 78	0.10 acre
PHILLIPS STREET PLAY- GROUND, WEST END.....	1942.....	3,772 25	3,772 25	3,772 25	0.13 "
BEECHER STREET PLAY AREA, WEST ROXBURY.....	1942.....	.....	.....	.....	0.18 "
McKAY SCHOOL PLAY AREA, FRANKFORT, GOVE AND COTTAGE STREETS, EAST BOSTON.....	1942.....	.....	.....	.....	0.50 "
KING STREET, ROXBURY....	1943.....	740 00	740 00	740 00	0.32 "
JOHN HARVARD MALL, CHARLESTOWN.....	1943.....	0.85 "
HENRY ROSS ESTATE, FOREST HILLS.....	1943-1945..	7.69 acres

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Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1953.—Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
PENNIMAN ROAD AND HANO STREET, BRIGHTON.	1945. ....	.....	\$15,272 03	\$15,272 03	0.94 acre				
GREEN AND LAMARTINE STREETS, JAMAICA PLAIN. .	1945. ....	.....	21,164 62	21,164 62	1.32 acres				
RACHEL REVERE OVERLOOK, NORTH STREET, BOSTON. .	1945. ....	.....	10,008 90	10,008 90	0.08 acre				
CARLETON STREET, SOUTH END.	1945. ....	.....	6,120 39	6,120 39	0.05 "				
CARSON STREET, DORCHESTER.	1945. ....	.....	2,400 03	2,400 03	0.92 "				
WASHINGTON, EAST DEDHAM AND MYSTIC STREETS, SOUTH END.	1945.	\$30,272 75	10,175 30	40,448 05	0.32 "				
BRUCE STREET, West Roxbury.	1945. ....	.....	.....	.....	0.80 "				
WILLIAM GARY WALSH PLAYGROUND, GALIVAN BOULEVARD, CORNER WASHINGTON STREET, DORCHESTER.	1946. ....	.....	118,390 22	118,390 22	7.03 acres				
14 OAK SQUARE PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.	1947.	25,760 00	6,002 95	31,762 95	1.48 "				
SUMNER AND WILLIS STREETS, DORCHESTER, UNDEVELOPED.	1947. ....	.....	.....	.....	0.03 acre				
MYRTLE STREET PLAY AREA.	1949. ....	.....	2,101 50	2,101 50	0.17 "				
UNION STREET, BRIGHTON. .	1949. ....	.....	4,163 86	4,163 86	1.54 acres				

CHISWICK AND SIDLAW ROADS, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, PARK SITE.....	1949.....	23,000 00	.....	23,000 00	0.60 acre
HARRISON AVENUE, 624-634, PLAY AREA, SOUTH END..	1950.....	.....	3,620 00	3,620 00	0.12 "
POPLAR STREET PLAY AREA, WEST END.....	1950.....	.....	9,081 33	9,081 33	0.137 "
RUSSETT ROAD, BRUCE STREET, WELD STREET, VFW PARKWAY PLAY- GROUND SITE.....	1950.....	11,000 00	.....	11,000 00	6.76 acres
²¹ WALLINGFORD ROAD, CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, BRIGHTON.....	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00 "
POPLAR AND HILLSIDE STREETS, ROSINDALE....	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	0.44 acre
²² WALL STREET, WEST END.	1951.....	.....	6,875 34	6,875 34	0.08 "
²² HOLYOKE STREET, SOUTH END.....	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	0.04 "
²³ HAVERHILL AND PERKINS STREETS, CHARLESTOWN..	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	0.23 "
²³ RUTHERFORD AVENUE AND UNION STREET, CHARLES- TOWN.....	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	0.21 "
²³ HOOVER, SORRENTO AND GODDARD STREETS, BRIGHTON.....	1951.....	.....	9,555 01	9,555 01	1.00 "
TRUMAN HIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON STREET, HYDE PARK.....	1951.....	1,145 00	.....	1,145 00	1.32 acres
CUMSTON STREET PLAY AREA, SOUTH END.....	1952.....	.....	732 79	732 79	0.011 acre

Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1953.—Concluded.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.		Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.					
DOUGLASS COURT PLAY AREA, NORTH END.....	1952.....	.....	.....	0.011 acre	.....	.....	.....	.....
BRADFORD AND WILKES STREETS PLAY AREAS....	1952.....	.....	\$7,386 41	0.10 "	\$7,386 41	.....	.....	.....
CAROT STREET EXTENSION, LAND TO BATH HOUSE.....	1952.....	.....	.....	0.13 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
WEST RUTLAND SQUARE PLAY AREA.....	1953.....	.....	.....	0.013 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS.....	.....	\$11,485,123 55	\$24,069,700 18	3,403 99 acres	46,07 miles	73.98 miles	7.93 miles	131.4 acres

* Named for soldier killed in World War.

† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

‡ An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

§ Custody given to the city by Acts of Congress.

|| 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

¶ Transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.

1 World War Memorial.

2 Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.

3 Transferred from and \$454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.

4 25,470 square feet transferred from and \$2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.

5 Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.

6 Acquired by gift.

7 Transferred from Metropolitan Park.

8 Transferred from Street Laying-Out Department.

9 Formerly part of Christopher Gibson Playground, set apart and named, November 9, 1920.

10 256 acres leased from Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Airport transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.

11 792 acres transferred from School Committee by chapter 229, Acts of 1931.

12 Acquired by section 2, chapter 371, Acts of 1929, and chapter 91 of General Laws, indenture, December 11, 1930, under provision of chapter 92 section 87, of General Laws; Act of City Council, approved May 25, 1933.

13 Transferred from Institutions Department by chapter 40, Acts of 1931.

14 Purchased from Metropolitan Transit Authority.

15 Property sold.

16 To be transferred to Commonwealth for additions to Airport.

17 Part of roadway transferred to City of Boston Public Works Department, 1951.

18 Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.

19 Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.

20 Part of this area to Public Buildings Department for building.

21 Transferred from Public Works Department, 1951.

22 Transferred from Real Estate Division.

23 Developed by Metropolitan District Commission, transferred to Park Department.

PARK DEPARTMENT — CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1953, to December 31, 1953.

DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES.

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet.	Established.
<i>Bennington Street, East Boston</i>	157,500	1838
<i>Bunker Hill, Charlestown</i>	48,202	1807
<i>Phipps Street, Charlestown</i>	76,740	1630
<i>Copp's Hill, Hull street, City</i>	89,015	1659
<i>Kings Chapel, Tremont street, City</i>	19,344	1630
<i>Granary, Tremont street, City</i>	82,063	1660
<i>Central, Common, City</i>	60,693	1756
<i>South End South, Washington street, City</i>	64,670	1810
<i>Hawes, Emerson street, South Boston</i>	11,232	1816
<i>Union, East Fifth street, South Boston</i>	5,470	1841
<i>North, Uphams Corner, Dorchester</i>	142,587	1633
<i>Eliot, Eustis street, Roxbury</i>	34,830	1630
<i>South, Dorchester avenue, Dorchester</i>	95,462	1814
<i>Westerly, Centre street, West Roxbury</i>	39,450	1683
<i>Walter Street, West Roxbury</i>	35,100	1711
<i>Evergreen, Commonwealth avenue, Brighton</i>	604,520	1848
<i>Market Street, Brighton</i>	18,072	1764
<i>Mount Hope, Walk Hill street, 125 acres and</i> square feet	14,330	1851
<i>Fairview, Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres,</i>		1892

CITY TOMBS.

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground; one for infants in Kings Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery, and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1953.

CEMETERIES.	General Receipts.	Perpetual Care Receipts.	Interest on Perpetual Care.
Mount Hope.....	\$93,899 13	\$20,760 00	\$19,038 27
Fairview.....	16,265 75	5,500 00	5,131 44
Evergreen.....	15,005 70	8,920 00	6,615 72
Dorchester North.....	90 00	.....	395 64
Dorchester South.....	55 00	.....	136 84
Westerly.....	.....	.....	176 10
Central.....	.....	.....	62 50
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	6 26
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	1 00
Granary.....	.....	.....	62 50
Copp's Hill.....	.....	.....	62 50
Kings Chapel.....	.....	.....	62 50
Bennington Street.....	16 00	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$125,331 58	\$35,180 00	\$31,751 27

CEMETERY DIVISION.

Total, General Fund, December 31, 1952.....	\$3,595,671 54	
Interest, General Fund, 1953.....	107,226 66	
Revenue (General Receipts), 1953.....	125,331 58	
Discounts on Securities Purchased.....	36,209 90	
		\$3,864,439 68
Payments from Fund During 1953:		
Premiums and Accrued Interest.....	\$1,507 22	
Refunds.....	200 00	
		1,707 22
Total, General Fund, December 31, 1953.....		\$3,862,732 46
Total, Perpetual Care Funds, December 31, 1953.....		1,056,903 05
Total Cemetery Funds.....		<u>\$4,919,635 51</u>

**Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to
December 31, 1953.**

CEMETERIES.	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope.....	1,488	205	460	8,512	2,085	.....	.....	287	23	6
Fairview.....	203	13	49	1,029	1,310	1	.....	106	.....	.....
Evergreen.....	172	24	53	1,050	2,641	1	.....	98	.....	2
Dorchester North....	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester South....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennington Street....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerly.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	1,895	242	562	10,596	6,036	2	.....	493	23	8

**Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending
December 31, 1953.**

Office	\$18,563 24
Mount Hope	181,419 55
Fairview	48,049 72
Evergreen	40,535 99
Dorchester North	4,214 83
Dorchester South	3,196 30
Bennington Street	3,135 40
Bunker Hill	283 04
Copp's Hill	4,029 10
Eliot	2,056 30
Granary	3,465 60
Kings Chapel	3,745 00
Phipps Street	3,598 10
South End South	1,592 80
Market Street	23 70
Westerly	82 20
Central	71 10
Hawes and Emerson	121 00
Park	10,077 33
	<u>\$328,260 30</u>

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